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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN PCP CASE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Mark Seymour, 33**, Washington, D.C., entered a guilty plea on November 24, 2003, before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to one count of possession with the intent to distribute PCP.

Melgren stated that Seymour admitted at his plea that on May 19, 2003, he was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by the Kansas Highway Patrol for a traffic violation near the Kansas Turnpike Authority in Leavenworth County, Kansas. During the traffic stop, the trooper ran a drug dog around the vehicle and the dog alerted to the odor of illegal drugs. Seymour admitted that the trooper found a one gallon jug of PCP in a cooler in the trunk and a pound of marijuana in a suitcase in the trunk. Seymour further admitted that he had flown from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles, California, on May 17, 2003, to obtain the PCP. Seymour also admitted that he rented a vehicle and was transporting the PCP back to Washington, D.C. when he was stopped.

Seymour faces a minimum of twenty years and a maximum of life in federal prison, without parole. Sentencing is set for February 9, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

Co-defendant **Paul Douglas, 32**, Washington, D.C., is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute PCP and one count of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, both on May 19, 2003, in Leavenworth County, Kansas. If convicted, Douglas faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. No trial date has yet been set.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in this prosecution.